

for Aunt Marie

Henkle History Book

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son of Hes & Eva Barbara Zerbe Henkle.

Elow (Elen) Henkle b. Sept. 1, 1801 in

Shenandoah Co. Va., died after 1858 probably
in Iepae. Married in Fayette Co., Ohio to
Lally Rowe, daug. of Wm & Agnes Rowe on Jan. 20,
1824 & she died 1835/36 in Fayette Co. Ohio. He then
married Susan Ann Bergerhoff on Jan 5, 1837 of Fayette
Co. Ohio (License No. 1331 Book B, Page 101, Fayette Co. Ohio)
no children known. She probably died in Iowa as he
moved there in 1842. Elow Henkle then married
the 3rd time on Dec. 1, 1844 to Mrs. Jane Hanks of
Wash. Co. Iowa, no children known.

Book on Hinkle Ancestry Donated to Pendleton Library

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Ken Hinkle, a retired government employee of the State of Virginia, but an avid amateur historian and biographer with "ancestors on all three branches of the Potomac in Pendleton County," he said, has recently finished writing *The Autobiography and Chronological Life of Reverend Paul Henkel, 1754-1825*, and, last week, donated a copy of the large, handsomely bound book to the Pendleton County Library.

The book, which contains a wealth of information about early settlers here who were ancestors of many families still present in Pendleton County, was published by the Reverend Anthony Jacob Henckel Family National Association and printed by Campbell Copy Center in Harrisonburg, VA.

According to Hinkle, who was assisted in research and compilation by Greg Adamson of Onego, the book provides a fascinating account from diaries of the life of Lutheran minister Paul Henkel (the name now is spelled "Hinkle") and his wife as they traveled by horse and buggy on missionary trips through the mid-Atlantic states in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

Their travels took them on many trips to North Carolina and to Pendleton County in what was then the State of Virginia. They lived at short intervals in Shepherdstown and Point Pleasant.

The diaries were translated from German to English by the late Reverend William J. Finck in the 1930s.

Reverend Henkel was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, but moved with his parents, Jacob and Barbara Hinkle, to what is now Pendleton and Grant counties, where he spent much of his boyhood and went to school.

The diaries tell of Paul and his brother, Moses, going to a school close

to or in the fort where his grandfather, John Justus Henkel, lived. The fort is known as Hinkle's Fort and was located in Germany Valley near what is now the town of Riverton.

An Indian attack that apparently took place near the North Fork River is mentioned.

Reverend Henkel preached numerous times in churches and homes in Pendleton County and was even a resident for a few years. His brother, Moses Henkel, was one of the officers that formed Pendleton County and is listed on the monument at Ruddle commemorating the formation of the county.

Reverend Henkel's sister, Christina, married Isaac Herman (Harman) and lived in Germany Valley. Paul's mother, the former Barbara Dieter (Teter), lived for many years in this county.

Local names mentioned in the diaries besides Harman, Hinkle and Teter include Arbogast, Bennett, Herber (Harper), Mallo (Mallow), Propst and Trambauer (Trumbo).

The diaries chronicle the many places Paul Henkel journeyed to and lived, the people he knew and lodged with, the ministry he performed, the places he preached and the many hardships he and his wife endured in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

A wealth of genealogical records includes scores of marriages, funerals and baptisms performed by Reverend Henkel in Shenandoah, Page and Rockingham counties in Virginia and in other adjoining states.

Reverend Henkel lived much of his life at New Market, VA, where he and his wife are buried at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Two of his sons, Solomon and Ambrose, established the Henkel Press at New Market in 1806.

The author of the new book may be reached at (540) 828-3782 or on the worldwide web at kenhink@telos.net.